

LA This I Believe Draft

Have you heard of the saying “ True friendship is never serene”? Friendship is like a fast current in a flowing river. Often, there are many rocks of different shapes and sizes in front of it, all bent on blocking its path. Friendship is like that. Some will choose to succumb to adversity, but true friendship will find the strength and determination to find a way to move around the obstacle and continue on their way.

Imagine being thrust into a unknown world of strangers. Alone, cold and afraid. Friends are the source of motivation that keeps you going, the perseverance that lets you strive towards that speck of light in the darkness. They are your partners in a whole new environment, helping you when you stumble, and share your joys and happiness together.

When I entered a new school, I was prepared for a new turning point in my life. Little did I know that I would be unprepared for the massive workload and emotional overdrive that came with it. Strange faces that I have never seen before, personalities that may not agree with me. In my panic, I darted my eyes round the classroom. Finally, I spotted a familiar face. It was my primary school classmate that I did not know very well, but the only person I knew then. From then on, we were the closest of friends, doing everything together.

However, one event happened that almost changed our relationship for the worse. We had a quarrel. I did not speak to her after that. Both of us were feeling quite guilty and coincidentally, sent a message of apology by phone at the same time. At school, we had a good laugh about it and we were closer than ever. Thinking back, I realised how petty I had been, wasting time quarreling about trivial matters.

At some point in our lives, I believe that all of us have encountered problems that we are unable to face alone. Tuition after tuition, tons of homework, relationship disagreements. The list just goes on and on. Sometimes, it becomes so hard to cope with that you just feel like breaking down. However, friends are always there for you. They are your shoulders to cry on, phone calls to make to when you are unhappy. They are like trees, allowing us to lean on them for support and never, ever, falling, even in the strongest gale.

As Aristotle said, “Friendship is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies”. Friends will never leave you in the lurch. Friends will follow you along the same path and road. Friends are everything. This I Believe.